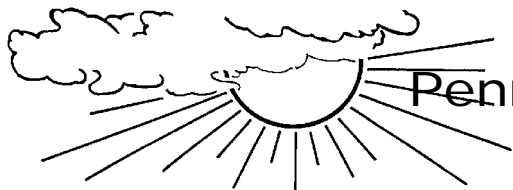




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# Pennsylvania: Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup

For The Week Ending June 11, 2000

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**Fair Week for Field Work:** There were 3.9 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus. Activities included planting corn, soybeans and vegetables; harvesting barley; fixing fences; machinery maintenance; spreading lime and fertilizers; hauling manure; caring for livestock; making hay and haylage; filling silos; and applying pesticides.

**Crops:** Warmer temperature and showers earlier in the week helped to advance most field crops. Corn height across the state averaged 8 inches, the same as last year and 1 inch more than the five-year average. Conditions for most crops throughout the state declined compared to last week. Soybean planting was slightly ahead of the five-year average. Some farmers were starting to harvest small grains. The quality of hay cut was 55 percent good to excellent, 31 percent fair and 14 percent poor to very poor.

**Livestock:** Pasture condition improved overall, however variable weather across the state had mixed effects. In some areas, lack of rain has slowed pasture growth. Most pastures were showing good growth. Some farmers have grazed more than normal and were reporting that grass was becoming scarce.

**Fruit & Vegetables:** The majority of the fruit crop was rated in good to excellent condition last week, but more rain is needed. Vegetable planting continued. Good growing conditions prevailed last week for most vegetable crops.

**U.S. As Of June 4, 2000:** Light and moderate showers maintained moisture levels in the eastern Corn Belt, including a substantial area of surplus moisture in Ohio. However, moisture shortages remained in some areas of the western Corn Belt. Scattered heavy rainfall hampered field work in parts of the southern Great Plains and along the Coastal Plains. Hot, dry weather stressed crops in the Southeast and lower

Mississippi Valley. Warm weather accelerated crop development in the central Great Plains, but moisture levels diminished. In the northern Great Plains, moisture supplies remained mostly adequate, while light showers aided crops in the northern High Plains. Warm, dry weather prevailed in the Southwest. Ninety-three percent of the Winter Wheat crop was at the heading stage or beyond, and 8 percent was harvested. Acreage headed or beyond remained 1 week ahead of this date last year and more than 1 week ahead of the 84-percent average for this date. Above normal temperatures accelerated ripening in the central and southern Great Plains. The harvest pace was also ahead of last year and the average for this date. Ninety-seven percent of the corn crop was emerged, more than 1 week ahead of last year's 88-percent pace. Warm weather and adequate topsoil moisture supplies promoted emergence in Colorado, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota. Rain improved moisture supplies and benefitted crop development in many areas of the Corn Belt, although parts of the western Corn Belt remained too dry. Meanwhile, conditions deteriorated in parts of the northern and eastern Corn Belt due to excessive soil moisture supplies. Hot, dry weather stressed corn fields in the southern High Plains, where growth was accelerating. Ninety percent of the soybean acreage was planted, nearly 2 weeks ahead of last year and more than 2 weeks ahead of the 5-year average for this date. Mostly dry weather aided progress in the western Corn Belt and Great Plains, where nearly all remaining soybean fields were planted by the end of the week. Emergence, at 80 percent, was far ahead of last year's 54-percent pace. Warm weather and adequate moisture promoted rapid emergence in most areas of the Corn Belt and northern Great Plains. Warm weather also stimulated crop emergence in the Mississippi Delta States. In the Pacific Northwest, development continued even though cooler-than-normal weather prevailed. Five percent of the oat acreage was headed, compared with last year and the average pace of 3 percent.

PA Crop Progress For Week Ending June 11, 2000

	Current Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	Percent			
Corn, Planted	95	92	97	93
Corn, Emerged	89	85	91	N/A
Corn, Height	8	7	8	7
Barley, Turning Yellow	82	69	78	65
Barley, Ripe	20	2	22	15
Barley, Harvested	5	0	4	5
Winter Wheat, Turning Yellow	16	3	11	16
Oats, Headed	23	4	33	21
Soybeans, Planted	82	73	86	78
Soybeans, Emerged	63	60	76	N/A
Tobacco, Transplanted	75	65	91	62
Alfalfa, 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	67	56	75	61
Alfalfa, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	8	4	3	1
Timothy Clover, 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	24	23	48	32

N/A = Not available

PA Crop Condition For Week Ending June 11, 2000

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	0	3	16	67	14
Winter Wheat	1	6	21	61	11
Oats	0	3	30	56	11
Soybeans	1	3	24	65	7
Quality of Hay Made	5	9	31	48	7
Pasture Conditions	0	3	25	55	17
Peaches	0	3	14	71	12
Apples	0	6	11	56	27

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Weather Data For Week Ending June 11, 2000

Reporting Station	Weekly Temperature				Growing Degree Days From April 1				Rainfall - Values Are For A 24-Hour Period Ending 7:00 A.M., In Inches									
	High	Low	Avg	Dep From Norm	40 Degrees		50 Degrees		June							For Week	From April 1	
					Days	Dep From Norm	Days	Dep From Norm	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Total	Dep From Norm
Erie	87	46	65	1	1098	127	520	150	0.00	1.07	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.08	11.40	3.23
Warren	88	45	62	-2	1069	142	479	122	0.01	0.56	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.61	13.00	3.65
Franklin	89	44	63	-2	1192	225	555	178	0.03	0.62	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.72	10.58	1.44
Clearfield	86	45	63	-1	1062	95	478	104	0.21	0.35	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	9.69	0.49
Pittsburgh	86	45	66	-1	1323	147	672	174	0.00	0.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.73	11.02	2.96
Rector	88	43	63	-3	1131	-45	535	37	0.00	0.93	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.08	10.65	2.59
Altoona	85	46	64	1	1196	92	579	122	0.04	0.23	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.40	10.11	1.82
Emporium	89	44	62	-2	1086	119	492	118	0.13	0.67	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.03	11.15	1.95
Wellsboro	86	41	59	-1	881	162	363	151	0.09	0.76	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.88	10.12	2.97
State College	89	48	65	0	1272	195	636	180	0.08	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.73	8.24	0.23
Williamsport	91	51	65	-2	1280	96	609	99	0.00	0.74	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.93	10.61	2.01
Selinsgrove	91	48	64	-2	1235	121	587	126	0.10	1.82	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.07	9.98	1.27
Montrose	84	46	59	-1	904	143	366	121	0.07	0.85	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.21	17.53	8.37
Scranton	88	48	63	-3	1170	69	546	94	0.29	1.56	0.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.72	9.93	2.33
Allentown	88	49	66	-2	1291	74	644	104	0.00	0.49	0.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.06	11.32	2.02
Reading	90	52	67	-1	1374	175	698	168	0.00	1.50	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.61	9.30	-0.42
Harrisburg	91	54	68	-1	1525	187	812	177	0.00	0.83	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.86	9.45	0.48
Biglerville	90	46	65	-4	1311	26	642	35	0.00	0.57	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.64	9.87	1.22
Lancaster	90	52	67	-2	1355	17	686	51	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	7.08	-1.89
Philadelphia	93	54	70	-1	1526	119	803	107	0.00	0.16	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	7.37	-1.32

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